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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HIPP, et al.
Serial No. 09/620,108
Filing Date: July 20, 2000
Group Art Unit: 2380
Title: DATA I/O MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

Dear Sir:

**DECLARATION OF LUKE K. PEDERSEN IN SUPPORT OF PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

I, Luke K. Pedersen, hereby state that:

1. I am an attorney in the Dallas office of Baker Botts L.L.P. and represent RLX Technologies, Inc. (hereinafter "RLX") in matters relating to Intellectual Property.
2. I prepared the above-identified non-provisional patent application.
3. The above-identified non-provisional application was filed with co-pending application No. 09/620,105, entitled "Web Server Network System and Method", which was incorporated by reference with the above-identified non-provisional application as filed.
4. Pages 1-4 of the attached Preliminary Amendment add approximately two pages of text to the above referenced patent application. I hereby declare that the amendatory material consists of the same material incorporated by reference in the referencing application.

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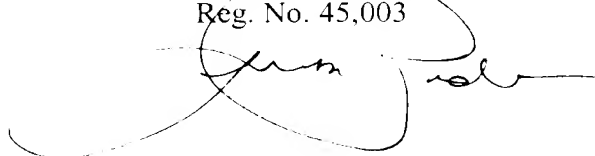
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5. I declare that all statements herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. Further, I acknowledge that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this 10th day of February, 2003.

Luke K. Pedersen
Reg. No. 45,003

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luke K. Pedersen', is written over the printed name and registration number.